Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 04 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 05 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 04 Jan 2023 at 03:24 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for changeable weather over the next few days, low for the details.

Headline for Wednesday 04 Jan 2023: Sunny spells and showers, most frequent across southern Argyll, Trossachs and Arran.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 04 Jan 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG					
Fog	Light rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
50%	50%	50%	30%	30%	20%

Forecast for Wednesday 04 Jan 2023

Weather: A mostly cloudy day with occasional showers, these heaviest and most frequent across southern Argyll, the Trossachs and Arran, with the best of any bright intervals in the north across Lochaber. Falling-snow level around 900-1000 m. Showers mostly clearing during the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% becoming 60% across northern ranges during the day.

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud, bases 300-500 m, becoming patchy during the morning with bases lifting 600-800 m, but deteriorating rapidly in the showers with moderate or poor visibilities.

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Forecast for Wednesday 04 Jan 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	24/28 W	23/26 W	19/23 SW	17/21 SW	19/23 SW	20/24 W	18/23 SW
900	12/16 W	14/17 W	11/16 W	10/14 W	12/17 W	12/17 W	11/16 W
600	14/18 SW	15/18 SW	12/16 SW	10/14 SW	12/16 SW	11/16 SW	11/15 SW
300	7/10 W	6/8 W	7/11 S	6/9 SW	5/7 SW	6/9 SW	6/9 SW
Glen	7/16 W	4/11 W	4/10 SW	3/8 SW	3/7 W	3/8 W	4/8 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-1/-9	-1/-9	-2/-8	-2/-8	-1/-8	-2/-8	-2/-9
900	1/-4	1/-5	1/-4	1/-3	1/-4	1/-4	0/-4
600	3/-2	3/-2	3/-1	3/-1	3/-1	3/-1	2/-2
300	5/2	5/2	5/3	5/3	5/3	5/3	5/2
Glen	6/4	6/4	6/5	6/5	6/5	6/4	5/4
Freezing Level*	1100m	900m	1000m	1100m	1100m	1000m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Wet underfoot conditions with swollen rivers from heavy overnight rain and thawing snow.

Forecast for Thursday 05 Jan 2023
Weather: Overnight showers giving way to outbreaks of rain during the day, which will become heavy and persistent with snow continuing to thaw over the summits.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 20 gust 30 mph increasing 30 gust 50 mph in afternoon then Southwest 50mph gusts 80mph in evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10%

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud forming in the rain above 300-500 metres with poor visibilities

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 rising to plus 9 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius
Freezing level: 1200 m rising above the summits.

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